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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Deborah Ann Marshall** (NA60060967) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

Clark County

In August 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Lisa L. Mumma** (CO60219976) and placed her certification on probation for two years. In 2002 she was convicted of making a false statement to a public servant, in 2004 she was convicted of assault, in 2005 she was convicted of theft and driving under the influence, and in 2008 she was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Cowlitz County

In July 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Jeralee Marie Emler** (CO60144530).

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In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Sasha Wisner** (NA60066200, NC60104904) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to check patients' oxygen saturation levels when checking the patients' vital signs.

King County

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Hermongenes Lucas Belmonte** (NA00162994) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly purchased a home from a patient for less than market value, charged a brokerage fee to the patient for handling the sale, borrowed the majority of the purchase price from the patient, and accepted the gift of a vehicle from the patient.

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Leonor Pabillon Belmonte** (NA00077078) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly purchased a home from a patient for less than market value, charged a brokerage fee to the patient for handling the sale, borrowed the majority of the purchase price from the patient, and accepted the gift of a vehicle from the patient.

In July 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Sara M. Gagliardo** (VA00067549) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 she pleaded guilty to assault. She allegedly failed to respond to Department of Health inquiries regarding the guilty plea.

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Janice Arlene Hudson** (NC10002129) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly solicited and received money from a patient on several occasions.

In July 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered into an agreed order with chemical dependency professional **Cyndi M. King** (CP00004031) and placed her license on probation for two years. She billed for counseling services under a mental health billing code when she isn't credentialed to practice as a licensed mental health practitioner. She submitted a treatment report to the court but failed to report the client's urinalysis tested positive for THC (indicating the use of marijuana). She also submitted fraudulent documentation on a client, and testified on a patient's compliance and sobriety when the client was under the influence before and during the hearing. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2011 the X-Ray Technician Program denied the application of **Brian J. Lucas** (XT60182058). In 2010 he surrendered his license to practice as a massage therapist.

In July 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Roger W. Nakanishi** (DE00005953) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when providing orthodontic treatment to a patient.

In August 2011 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged **Gerardo Ortiz** (RT00000932) with unprofessional conduct. In December 2010 he was convicted of burglary — domestic violence, and assault — domestic violence.

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In July 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Jeffrey P. Stevens** (CO60141752).

Kitsap County

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Dawna R. Durbin** (NA00166423) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to properly administer medications to a patient, resulting in substantial harm to the patient, and diverted multiple doses of lorazepam.

In July 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Sandra Denise Stuckey** (HC60202869) and placed her license on probation for two years. In 2009 she was convicted of assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Mason County

In July 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Lillian H. Bernal** (VA00067708) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly had a friend call in a fraudulent prescription for her and was arrested for attempting to get a prescription by fraud. In 2010 she pleaded guilty to obtaining a prescription drug by fraud.

Okanogan County

In August 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Brian M. Johnson** (PH00009922) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include dispensing medications to himself without physician authorization, testing positive for codeine and oxycodone in a urinalysis, failing to maintain complete and current records of controlled substances, and failing to provide immediate supervision to staff working under him. He also failed to label and document components used in at least one vial of a compounded solution containing cocaine.

Pierce County

In July 2011 the Dental Hygienist Program charged **Deborah J. Almario** (DH00006246) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include providing dental services to a patient in the dental office of another dentist without his permission, taking dental supplies from his office and giving them to the patient, and purchasing and delivering a controlled substance through an online pharmacy without a valid prescription. She also used the patient's debit card for the purchase of controlled substances without the patient's permission.

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Patrick Crews** (NA00170767) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly stole checks from a coworker and wrote and cashed a check to himself for \$350. He also allegedly purchased oxycodone without a prescription.

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Charles Andrew Siler** (NA60231621) and placed his registration on probation. In 2009

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his credential to practice as an emergency medical technician was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Thurston County

In July 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Mary C. Kelly-Walsh** (LP00034956) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Yakima County

In July 2011 the Medical Commission terminated the agreed order against physician **Richard B. Boyd** (MD00016580). Dr. Boyd's Washington license is now unrestricted.

Out of State

Oregon: In July 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Dorothy M. Schnepp**. She allegedly provided medical evaluations at a business in Washington. She doesn't hold credentials to practice as a health care provider in Washington.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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